

Northern California Contest Club
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Mrs. Ellen White
Hq. ARRL
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Dear Mrs. White:

In regard to the recently received questionnaire regarding the definition of a club for contest purposes, the Northern California Contest Club submits the following recommendations.

1. A club must be a group of people that meets regularly, with a stated purpose and common interests, and specifically NOT just a membership list.
2. All club members submitting club scores for any contest, including the licensee of each station used, all operators at single operator stations, and at least 75 per cent of all operators at Multiop stations, must have attended in person and as full members at least two regular club meetings in the 365 days prior to the start of that contest.

NOTE: The "at least 75 per cent" phrase is included to allow a contestor who is forced to be away from home during a contest weekend to operate at another station without jeopardizing that station's club status, and to allow for exposure and training for prospective contesters.

3. The club secretary must submit with the club score, a statement certifying that all participants on behalf of the club have met the attendance criteria of item 2 above.

4. There should be NO MILEAGE nor TERRITORIAL RESTRICTIONS for club members.

Some of our thoughts behind item 4 are, (a) There are operators interested in club competition who have no competitive club within a specific radius. (b) Some operators may prefer to participate on behalf of a club other than a

"local" club and this matter should be for him to decide (subject to item 2 above). Should a person's travels allow him to join, say, the Rhein-Rhur DX Club and should he elect to participate in that club's behalf from his home in the U. S., so much the better for the competitive spirit! Let's at least try this one for a couple of years.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to offer our suggestions on this important matter.

Respectfully,

William L. Snider

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Secretary
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